

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1085

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Kriner Cash,
Superintendent of Schools for Memphis City
Schools.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding professionals who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kriner Cash is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected educator, Dr. Cash has provided dedicated leadership and astute guidance to Memphis City Schools as the Superintendent of Schools since 2008; and

WHEREAS, prior to his current position, he served as the chief of accountability and system-wide performance for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools in Florida and has also served as superintendent of Martha's Vineyard Public Schools in Massachusetts, as dean, director and professor at Howard University's School of Education, and as a department chair, director and professor at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts; and

WHEREAS, in charge of Tennessee's largest school system, Dr. Cash's work in Memphis has focused on addressing what he calls systemic fault lines that hold students back, such as pre-K literacy, retention and over-age for grade, teacher effectiveness and college readiness; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, Memphis won a seven-year, \$90 million grant to execute its teacher-effectiveness initiative and increased its graduation rate to a historic high of 72.6 percent. The district has also made achievement gains in elementary, middle and high

school math, tenth-grade English and in fifth-, eighth- and eleventh-grade writing assessments; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cash earned a doctor of education degree in cultural diversity and curriculum reform from the University of Massachusetts. He also holds a master's degree in administration and policy analysis from Stanford University and a bachelor's degree in political science from Princeton University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kriner Cash is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who works assiduously to motivate Memphis' students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cash truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues, faculty, staff, and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kriner Cash truly epitomizes the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dr. Kriner Cash upon his exemplary tenure as Superintendent of Schools for Memphis City Schools, salute his years of exceptional service to the children of Memphis and Tennessee, recognize his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.